

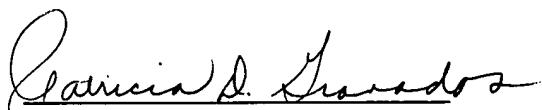
REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 28-35, 38 and 39 are pending in this application. Applicants herewith elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 39, drawn to a bone substitute material. Applicants traverse on the basis that it would not be unduly burdensome to examine both groups of claims simultaneously.

Applicants herewith cancel the non-elected subject matter without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to non-elected subject matter. With the entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 39 will be active in this case. Applicants respectfully request examination of the instant application on the merits in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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